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Subject: Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

Enclosed is the agenda packet for the Ecosystem Roundtable meeting set for Friday, December 13, 1996 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the State Water Resources Control Board Hearing Room, 901 P Street, Sacramento. This package includes a meeting summary from the last meeting.

Our objectives for the morning session of this meeting will be to reach closure on the role and mission of the Ecosystem Roundtable, the tools that we are expected to use, and the products that will be prepared for review by the Ecosystem Roundtable. To help with these discussions, this package also includes:

- a revised version of the mission statement;
- a draft report on the related programs in the Bay-Delta system along with a cover memo showing which programs the Roundtable is expected to work with; and
- a draft outline that illustrates what a five-year ecosystem restoration workplan could look like so participants can get a clearer idea of where we are going.

In the morning discussion it is important that we focus on defining what our "job" is, understanding what tools we have available to do the job, and what we need to produce.

Our objective for the afternoon session is to begin the planning process with a discussion on the implementation strategy that will guide our expenditures over the next three to five years. A relatively simple example of an implementation strategy that Category III used in 1996, was to focus on actions to benefit spring run chinook salmon and on delta habitat. The expectation is that a more comprehensive program will be developed and so we will have to develop a more comprehensive set of strategies.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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We can begin this discussion by focusing on species that are currently under consideration by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program as focus areas and some of the key policy issues that will need to be answered for the technical teams to begin their work. To help with these discussions, this package includes a list of the species that CALFED Bay-Delta Program is recommending restoration efforts focus on and the rationale behind those recommendations.

Enclosures